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The cause of rheumatism is lactic acid in the blood. To this acid are due the aches and pains, the swollen joints, the sharp, agonizing twinges. Rheumatism affects the limbs, arms, back and hips, causing misery day and night; stiffness of the joints, lameness, swellings, agony. Rheumatism can be cured only by purifying the blood. Do not waste time and money on liniments or other applications. Do not dally with unknown medicines. Cure rheumatism at once, surely, safely, promptly, permanently, by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of cures of this and other blood diseases conclusively prove that Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful curative power. The great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla has given it the first place among medicines. It is the reason for its wonderful cures. It is the explanation of its enormous sales. Hood's Sarsaparilla stands not only upon its record of cures in the past, though this is unequalled by any other medicine, but it is today curing thousands of cases of catarrh, rheumatism, scrofula, dyspepsia and many other blood diseases. It is today the medicine which the people take to give them health, strength, pure blood, good appetite and digestive power.

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The Northwestern News Express.
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The leg bones are very hard and white and are used for handles of pocket and table cutlery.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness, without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, then laxative or other remedies are not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, then one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

TRAGIC WINTER.

Memories of the Terrible Storm in South Dakota Sixteen Years Ago.

According to certain weather wise-agers in the Northwest the coming winter will be an unusually severe one in that region. It is to be hoped, however, that no such winter as that of 1880 in South Dakota will ever again visit that State. The story of that time is full of interest, especially to those unfamiliar with its details.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1880, was in Southern Dakota a typical northwestern fall day. Rain fell during the day. The next day the weather was rather pleasant, but threatening. Friday, the 15th, a change occurred, and snow began to fall. This continued almost steadily until the following Sunday night, when it cleared off. Monday snow again fell, and from that time on snow storms were of frequent occurrence during the whole winter. On Nov. 19 the ice which had been running for some time in the Missouri river suddenly formed an ice bridge, and became so solid during the night that crossings could be made with safety the following day. As the result of the almost constant fall of snow and high winds huge drifts were formed, some of them from 20 to 30 feet deep. In many places fences and trees were buried completely out of sight, and only the tops of telegraph poles were visible. This necessitated in some instances the propping up of the wires to keep them out of the snow. In the new portions of the territory there were few herds of cattle, but in the southern counties thousands of animals perished. Along the Missouri river hundreds of deer, antelope and other wild game became stranded in the vast drifts, and were killed, clubs in many instances being the instruments of destruction. All the railroads were blocked and some of them did not begin operations again until the following June.

So great was the quantity of snow and moisture that fell during the winter that every lake bed was filled to the brim. The result was that crops for several seasons following were enormous. But the hardships experienced by the settlers on the prairie and the inhabitants of the prairie towns was insignificant compared with the disasters which befell the residents of the towns along the Missouri river when the floods came the following spring. Since the spring of 1862 the spring "break up" of the Missouri river had not been attended with any disaster save in isolated cases, and it was therefore not strange that the settlers on the bottoms had been lulled into a false sense of security, and regarded the stories handed down in regard to great inundations of the past as the mere vapors of chronic exaggerators. But it was a terrible awakening, and for ten days the Missouri river valley for hundreds of miles was covered with a seething torrent of water and ice which brought ruin to thousands and death to scores.

A Market for Toads in England.
Toads are sold in London and in many other parts of England at sixpence a dozen.

Of all the means of ridding an infested garden of slugs and other pests there is nothing to touch a judicious regiment of toads. They will keep the worst garden clear of insect enemies for any length of time; and, in view of this, the toad trade has sprung up. At evening the toad catchers set out; and along the banks of streams and under hedgegroves they find the little brown slug killers, walking solemnly in straight lines, on the prowl for worms and beetles. The wily catcher lifts them one by one, and stows them in his sack; and, if he knows anything of the ways of wild things, he will fill all his receptacles in an hour. Three or four dozen may be taken in an evening almost anywhere—even on Hampstead Heath. Florists and private people with large gardens buy the toads at sixpence a dozen.

American Feet Are Growing.
It is a fact that the feet of American women are growing larger! Devotion to athletic exercise is the cause, and some one is daring enough to say that the dainty, delicate, little Cinderella feet that find ample room in No. 1 and No. 2 slippers will be unknown twenty years from now. Any exercise that keeps one on the feet for any great length of time will surely broaden and flatten the foot, and a year's steady course in a gymnasium will show a remarkable increase in the size of the feet.



Let Republicans Consider.

When Congress is asked to enter on reckless legislative methods, simply for the purpose of annoying the Democratic party and showing the alleged superiority of the Republicans, let them consider that the numerical strength of both parties at the last election was so evenly balanced in the entire nation that if one man out of every fifty had changed his opinion the big popular majority over which the Ohio major's supporters crow so much would have been wiped out of existence.

In addition, let Congressmen remember that the abuse heaped at the Democratic party in its platform during the late campaign, and even to-day, is unadulterated misapprehension of a most reckless character. The mere fact that the declarations put forth by the Chicago convention received the indorsement of nearly one-half the voters, in the face of an exercise of the corporate wealth of the country on the other side such as was never seen before, ought to convince them that the vituperation was unjustifiable and that it will be advisable to treat these declarations with a great deal of serious consideration.

Let them take the planks of the last Democratic platform one after another and let them try to study them as a guide and warning, for they will find nothing there that needs to be recalled and apologized for by those who framed them. There may have been mistakes of policy, but the principles are all right when rightly and reasonably interpreted.

There is a declaration against returning to the McKinley tariff which was voted down so emphatically in two successive elections, and there is also a declaration that the best way of protecting American labor is to prevent the importation of foreign pauper labor to compete with it. It will be an evil day for the Republicans on which they ignore the truth of these two propositions.

Then the Democracy demands economy in Government expenditures. It is against the extravagance that tries to conceal itself under the cloak of patriotism—using the noblest sentiments of the nation to hide the rapacity of monopolists and contractors. Its declaration against "government by injunction" is very much akin to the foregoing. It has been denounced as being anarchistic, but it is in truth nothing more than a protest against the public authorities acting as the catpaws of the big corporations.

These are great questions and entirely worthy of the most serious, most respectful treatment. If those who believe them to be the most important now at issue are treated contemptuously and reviled, those who are guilty thereof will surely meet their proper punishment.

Cutting Off Their Own Noses.

It now seems that, since the goldbugs of Wall street have succeeded in seating their candidate in the presidential chair, they will endeavor to punish those States which rolled up handsome majorities for Mr. Bryan in the recent election.

An idea of the sentiment existing may be imagined from the following article which appeared a few days ago in the Wall Street Daily News:

It is no exaggeration to say that the States which in the last election supported Bryan, free silver, and repudiation of honest obligations, will have a hard time of it in floating new securities or negotiating loans in New York or for that matter in any part of the East. The Chicago platform and the people who supported it have given capital a shock from which it will take a long time to recover. Repudiation, as advocated by the States giving their full vote and support to Bryan, is sufficient to deter capital from in any way becoming financially interested in them, and henceforth they had better give New York the "go by" when money is wanted. We know of no concerted movement to boycott the securities of the Bryan States, but from conversation with leading bankers and brokers we do know that a bitter feeling of antagonism prevails, and the disposition is general to have nothing to do with them.

This may seem like a terrorizing threat in the eyes of Wall street, but a careful study of the census of 1890 showing the estimated wealth of the various States will convince anyone that the dog will wag the tail, and not the tail the dog, as the financial interests of Wall street think.

Even the threat of such a movement would encourage the combination of all the capital west of the Alleghenies in building up all sorts of manufacturing industries now patronized in the East, and, instead of the West being boycotted by the East, the East would be boycotted by the West.

It would simply prove to be a case of cutting off their own noses to spite themselves. They fail to recognize the fact that there is a vast population growing up in the far West, and that the deciding power of the electoral college no longer remains in the Middle States.

A fair example of the outcome is to be found in the growth of the paper industry in the West. A few years ago the East sold its news and book paper as far West as the Pacific coast; now it is hard to sell it in Chicago.

In a few words, Wall street may rule Wall street, but Wall street cannot and shall not dictate to the 70,000,000 people of this grand land of freedom. They may squeeze the American eagle (the

gold dollar) until the last dollar has left the treasury, but they cannot fool all the American people all the time.

Some Baneful Effects.

It has been demonstrated that the agricultural population of the United States, hours of work considered, receive an income, according to numbers engaged, that is less than that provided for paupers or paid for convicts. This statement seems incredible at first blush, but when we are reminded of the fact that all the members of a farmer's family work long hours, and that they earn a bare living under present conditions, it becomes apparent that the earning capacity of the average producer is less than 50 cents a day.

And his lot is becoming more and more onerous every day. So true is this that the land which he formerly owned is slipping away from him, just as it slipped away from the peasant proprietors in England, and the curse of landlordism is already firmly fixed among us. Its blight is upon the best blood of the rural districts.

In 1880 only 25.62 per cent. of the farms in this country were cultivated by tenants. Ten years later the number had risen to 34.13 per cent., and the end of the century will see more than half the tillers of the soil non-owners. Every alternate producer will be the creature of some one else's will.

But it is not only the rural homes that falling prices and an appreciating dollar threatens. Those who joined building and loan associations ten years ago know something of the increased and increasing difficulty of making their weekly and monthly payments. Do they realize that while their assessments are the same on their face they have, as a matter of fact, increased greatly in value? Why? Because of the unstable money in which they pay, the exchange value of which is much greater than formerly. A very exhaustive work on this subject—"The Money Question"—says: "A measure of general prices the stability of which cannot be calculated upon in advance by the citizens of a State is a relic of barbarism—it is unfit for a people who plan for years in advance their expenses and their savings."

This is unquestionably true. An unstable money makes thrift unprofitable and any effort to discount the necessities of a rainy day uncertain, if not useless. It is a good thing for the shlyok but a bad thing for everybody else.

An Extra Session.

The New York Mail and Express, which was nearer the Harrison administration than any other American paper, being, in fact, a semi-official organ, claims to speak by the card when it says that there will be an extra session of Congress. Major McKinley, it declares, has no hope that the short session which convenes a week from next Monday will enact legislation looking to an increase of Federal revenues. He will, therefore, not later than April 1, 1897, issue his proclamation for an extraordinary convocation of members elected to the Fifty-fifth National Congress.

We fail to see what legislation will then be possible that is not possible between now and March 4. Or perhaps we should say we fail to see that legislation impossible during the life of the Fifty-fourth will not be impossible during the life of the Fifty-fifth Congress. The newly elected body was not chosen to restore the McKinley prohibitory tariff rates. Nearly all the Republican orators were careful to announce repeatedly that there would be no tariff tinkering under the major's administration, should he be elected. Therefore, needed revenue must, if good faith with the people is kept, be raised outside the custom house. As we have no income tax, an increase of the internal revenue receipts will be absolutely essential. The proposition to double the rate now placed on beer meets with much favor, and would insure a revenue, according to conservative estimates, of \$35,000,000, which would perhaps be sufficient under an economical administration.

This tax would not be felt by consumers, as it would amount to an infinitesimal sum per glass, but it would be paid by the brewers, practically all of whom are rich beyond the dream of avarice, and most of whom are directly or indirectly connected with a trust.

Such a measure could be passed this winter, and it seems to be about the only practicable method of meeting the exigency of the hour. The Dingley comedy of errors has already been laughed off the stage. It will not, cannot, and as a matter of fact it should not, become a law. Let needed legislation be given the country immediately, and then let the country be given a needed rest.—Chicago Dispatch.

"Beauty is but skin deep." That is a skin-deep saying. Beauty is heart deep. It is out of the heart we desire it. It is out of the heart it grows. This is not a mere saying like the other. It is the fact and secret that we are eager to penetrate.—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

A thought-weighing machine has been invented by an Italian physiologist, the rush of blood to the head turning the scale. The machine can measure the difference in the exertion needed to read Greek from that required for Latin.

A 12-year-old lad at Parma recently had his heart washed and cleansed.

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Age finds its surest solace in the benignant tonic aid afforded by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which counteracts rheumatic and malarial tendencies, relieves growing inactivity of the kidneys, and is the finest remedy extant for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Nervousness, too, with which old people are very apt to be afflicted, is promptly relieved by it.

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